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## Citizens protest Ukrainian election

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Senior News Editor

Demanding that democratic rights be served, Marta Prystasz of the U of A is fighting to place Ukraine's election in the hearts and minds of Edmontonians.

Prystasz, a fourth-year Education student and the president of U of A's Ukrainian Students' Society, has been working endlessly to rally Edmontonians since the release of the Ukrainian election results on Sunday, 21 November. Exit polls completed by western election observers claimed Viktor Yushchenko won handily, but by early Monday, Viktor Yanukovich, the government-backed candidate, claimed the win by three percentage points.

"We weren't sure what really went on because we were sure Yushchenko was going to win. By democratic process he had the majority of the votes. It was announced that he had won in all ridings in most of the regions in the Ukraine," said Prystasz.

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SPECIAL TO THE GATEWAY: BULAN TRACZ

THE FACE OF UKRAINIAN DEMOCRACY Protesters in Kiev demonstrate against the results of the Ukrainian election while protecting a make-shift tent city.

## Possible fee hike angers int'l students

HANNA NASH  
News Writer

A recent proposal by the U of A to increase tuition for international students by 5 per cent has provoked much concern and debate on campus.

At a forum held last Wednesday, Students' Union President Jordan Blatz addressed the concerns of many of the U of A's international students. Outraged students called on the SU to prevent the proposal from being passed.

"The first thing that popped into my head were: 'What? Why? Holy cow!' Then I looked out of the window, and on one side of the street there was a sign that said 'Where the world meets.' Well, now it's more like 'Where the world's money goes,'" said Jack Lu, a first-year engineering student from China.

Blatz explained that the proposal was suggested for three main reasons. The first reason is that the Government of Alberta has indicated that it does not want the money that it gives to the U of A—Alberta taxpayers' money—to subsidize international student tuition.

Secondly, the University believes that when an international student is looking for a university to attend, students often equate the price of receiving an education with its quality.

And lastly, the U of A's operating budget is experiencing a deficit. U of A



WHERE THE WORLD MEETS? Int'l students discuss the proposed tuition hike.

BENJAMIN BECLEY

Provost Dr Carl Amrhein said the U of A is exploring decreasing faculty members to cut costs, and that raising international tuition could help decrease the number of professorships cut.

For domestic students, tuition increases are capped at 5.7 per cent for next year, but for international students, there is no cap on how much tuition can be increased.

But unlike domestic students, international students can't apply for student loans, though they are eligible for a number of bursaries and scholarships. However, Amrhein said that the U of A would like to make more funding available for international students.

These students are also not able to participate in co-op programs, and aren't allowed to work off campus.

"Today my dad told me that he couldn't send me any money because of the [high] exchange rate. My dad doesn't know how I'm going to finish my education. What can I do? I can't do a co-op. I don't know what my future is," said one student from Kenya.

"If tuition increases, then I'll have to find a third job. What am I supposed to do? I can't work off campus," said Jing Shi, a second-year economics student.

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## From the archives

The U of A's student government has been education minister proposed a proposal recommending first and second year student attend classes. Students' Union vice-president (external) expressed concern about quality control at the colleges and the professor's effect on undergraduate campus life. He noted that students don't tend to get involved in campus activities until after a couple of years of adjusting to campus, and because of this, he predicted the student involvement would drop substantially at the U of A, as a result. In response to these criticisms, the administration clarified that discussions were in progress to work out quality control issues with Grant MacEwan College.

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8 The Golden Bears hockey team stretched their unbeaten streak against the Calgary Dinos to 42 games, but the Dinos made it tough in two scrappy, penalty-filled affairs.

Fund, I think more students are aware of what the Access Fund is, who is eligible and how to apply," Blatz said.

"It's very obvious to us that our student-loan program isn't covering all [students'] needs."

JESSICA LAMB,

ACCESS FUND ADMINISTRATOR

"That money has always been available for students to help students and now this year, by marketing it properly, we're seeing that more students are taking advantage of the Access Fund," Blatz explained.

Students who qualify for an Access Fund grant receive, on average, about \$1500 for the academic year and are required to have either received or been awarded a student loan.

In fact, many students do not qualify for student loans due to requirements regarding parental contribution.

"A lot of students can't receive [loans] because your parents are expected to contribute and sometimes [the amount the parents are expected to contribute] can be up to \$37,000," Lamb said.

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# U of A to open new diagnostics centre

KARI CHAN  
News Writer

A new centre at the University of Alberta is poised to play a leading role in the field of diagnostics.

The Magnetic Resonance Diagnostic Centre (MRDC) will use fluids collected from patients to identify diseases and monitor the effectiveness of their treatment.

With the arrival of the first of four instruments last month, the MRDC will combine the efforts of clinicians, scientists and highly advanced analytical machinery to provide a quick and complete diagnosis.

"It is the first of its kind in North America," said Lynn Hutchings-Mah, communications director for the Alberta Ministry of Innovation and Science. "The [MRDC] gives us the opportunity to become a world leader."

Budgeted at \$2.6 million, the facility will use the same kind of analytical technology behind Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) monitor patient health.

MRI is based on the principles of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), a technique that identifies molecules based on electron spin. But, unlike MRI, which is used on the body, MRDC will scan liquids.

"It's a simple technique," said Bruce Lix, executive director and research manager of the project.



**MYSTERY FLUIDS** Bruce Lix and a piece of diagnostic equipment.



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# U of A monitor viewed election fraud

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"People were in shock when they found out that he didn't."

By last Thursday, Prystas and others had held two major rallies. A protest last Tuesday of approximately 250 people called on the Alberta and Canadian governments to denounce the elections, and on Thursday evening nearly 500 people flooded Churchill Square for a candlelight vigil.

"We had everybody from young little children to old grannies who could barely stand. Everybody was in emotional upheaval. There were people in tears. There were people who were angry. There were people who were in disbelief from the information that was revealed that they weren't exposed to because they don't have Internet access or the communication," said Prystas.

But Prystas doesn't operate alone. She says she's merely a voice for people unable to speak out and that she couldn't operate without the Canadian-Ukrainian community constantly feeding her information.

One of her most reliable resources returned home late last week after training Ukrainians to serve as elections monitors and serving as one himself. James Jacuta, the director of the Ukrainian Transparency and Elections Monitoring Project (UTEM), run out of the Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) at the U of A, spent the greater part of four months in Ukraine.

Despite estimates that election infractions numbered in the tens of thousands, Jacuta said that demonstrations in Ukraine have remained "remarkably peaceful."

"They feel that their candidate won the election democratically, fairly, and they're working to see Viktor Yushchenko become the president," he said.

Jacuta explained that the authorities used "every trick in the book" to ensure Yanukovych won the election, from Yanukovych banners on legislature and city-hall buildings to civil servants working full-time on his cam-



RUSLAN TRACZ, SPECIAL TO THE GATEWAY

Riot police protect the presidential administration in Kiev.

aign. Their tactics even gagged television, radio, and newspapers through threats, harassment, and physical intimidation, he said.

**"The central fact in all this is that democracy needs to be served, and since [Canada is] a democratic society, we need to keep voicing our opinions. ... You may have no connection to the Ukrainian community, but at the same time we need to think what it says about democracy. What does it say about our rights? And we need to think ... what if this happened in Edmonton or in Canada or in the province of Alberta?" he asked.**

**MARTA PRYSTAS,  
PROTEST ORGANIZER**

"I think that the authorities thought they could do all that and get away with it. Local people would be so intimidated, they wouldn't say any-

thing; that there wouldn't be enough foreign observers or that they would be able to pull the wool over the eyes of the foreign observers."

With the Ukrainian Supreme Court suspending the presidential inauguration until complaints of fraud are heard and the parliament ruling the election invalid, Jacuta hailed the international observations a success. Abuses throughout the election were documented, he said, and the attempt to quietly steal the election failed.

But the fight is far from over, Prystas cautioned, noting that international pressure to uphold transparency, democracy and voters' rights will be the key to progress in the Ukraine.

"The central fact in all this is that democracy needs to be served, and since [Canada is] a democratic society, we need to keep voicing our opinions. ... You may have no connection to the Ukrainian community, but at the same time we need to think what it says about democracy. What does it say about our rights? And we need to think ... what if this happened in Edmonton or in Canada or in the province of Alberta?" he asked.

"I would expect the same [presumptions] if the tables were turned. Even though this is a huge Ukrainian issue, it's a world issue."

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# OPINION

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## Bush needs to see both sides of Canada

AMIDST PROMISES of nation-wide protests, George W Bush arrived in Canada today for his first visit to the nation's capital. Many political officials are hailing this visit as a chance to repair damaged public relations, among other things. On the other hand, activists are promising protests and mock tribunals calling Bush a war criminal and a murderer. I can't help but think they're both right.

The activists have reason to be concerned.

Examining the Iraq war alone, estimates state over 200 000 Iraqi have been killed, a direct result of Bush operating an unanctioned, illegal war. A Canadian prime minister wouldn't host those guilty of the Rwandan genocides or other mass killings, yet he'll host an equally guilty leader—but to simplify it to that would be ignorant.

The United States, of course, is a very different animal. For one, over 80 per cent of Canada's trade is with our southern neighbors, and they are the only superpower in the world. A civil relationship with the US is crucial, and there's no doubt that some mending is in order.

Politicians are just as eager to repair relations as activists are to express their displeasure. Both are equally important. Canadians are divided on the issue, and Bush needs to realize this. A civil relationship with the US is to the benefit of all.

The activist stance poses a more obvious concern.

While they have valid arguments, how they present them is crucial. As Carolyn Parish, the recently fired Liberal MP, clearly demonstrates, petty schoolyard name-calling doesn't accomplish anything. Many Canadians are upset with Bush. Their views need to be represented and the activists have a role to play in that, but if they want Bush to listen, they must present their arguments in an intelligent and articulate manner. Derogatory slogans, crude imagery, and mischief will only negate their message and give American and Canadian officials room to criticize.

A clever, contrived campaign providing evidence of Bush's negative impact on Canada and the world, alternatively, will have a much stronger impact. The less room activists' actions provide for criticism or dismissal, the more Bush will have to listen.

The officials have the reverse problem. They are so eager to open the borders and re-establish friendly relations that there is a very real possibility that politicians will spend their time sucking up to Bush in order to win him over and encourage him to work quickly on mending disputes. Canadian officials need to remain adamant in their discussions and not back down to appease the US. Bush needs to understand that things are done differently here, people have different morals, and Canadians do not appreciate being treated as the 51st state that can be baited about whenever a trade law doesn't suit his government or people.

Canadians must present Bush with the dichotomy of this country. He needs to understand that, while we realize the US is a powerful and important ally and should be treated as such, not all Canadians agree with his policies or wish to support his international efforts. If either of these viewpoints fails to register, we will only be harming ourselves further down the road.

COSANNA PRESTON  
Senior News Editor

## Dear God, we need hockey now

GOOGLE SPORTS CANADA regularly features stories about cricket; the *Edmonton Journal* has recently launched a full page of soccer coverage every Monday; the *National Post* gives readers fake NHL standings, as determined by a roll of dice—this nation needs the NHL back, and it needs it now.

Look, I'll admit that personally, I haven't really missed watching Oilers games, but dammit, this nation has an unnatural proclivity to thinking about sports, and European football and an NHL-inspired craps game just don't cut it—we need hockey, lest we suddenly figure out what exactly a "bowler" is.

DAVID BERRY  
Opinion Editor

## LETTERS

### Lister isn't all partying and germs

This is my third year at Lister Hall, and I object to Lena Besner's inaccurate portrayal of Lister as "a whole culture of sex, drunkenness, partying, gross growths, noise and stress" ("Residence full of stress, germs and stereotypes," 23 November).

I'm currently the vice-president (public relations) for the Lister Hall Students' Association. As such, a main priority of my job is to inform people of the value that Lister Centre has in the University community. Ironically, just prior to the publication of the article in question, I contacted the Gateway in hopes of writing an article outlining the positive things the majority of campus does not realize about Lister. The response I received was that an article of that nature would be inappropriate news in the Gateway. I understood and accepted the refusal, but after reading Besner's article, I am appalled by the blatant ignorance and irrelevance of her poorly constructed argument.

An article discussing how Lister residents raised over \$4000 for the Canadian Cancer Society, or how we helped Safeway collect 872 lbs of food for the Campus Food Bank does not have a place in our University newspaper, yet an article full of weak, misguided arguments against Lister's image makes the "news-worthy" cut.

My reason for defending Lister's image is because it deserves a just and fair representation of what it has offered to this campus. To Besner, I would like to say that when you cited "the biggest problem" with Lister is the stereotypes unfairly placed upon its residents, by writing this article you did nothing but contribute to and perpetuate the stereotypes misattributed to Lister Centre in addition, you over-exaggerated the prominence of sex, alcohol, drugs, and dirtiness within Lister. This was entirely misleading to anyone who does not live in Lister, and an outright insult to the residents with whom you live. I think that if you were to look at the wonderful people and opportunities within Lister, you may find something more positive and constructive to contribute to your home than useless criticism.

AMY SPADY  
VP (Public Relations)

Lister Hall Students' Association

### We shouldn't settle, Zembal

Taking into account Kirk Zembal's argument ("We all need to relax and just accept a C-minus," 25 November), I still find myself believing that he is one of the C students that speaks of and thus, rather than telling himself that maybe he needs to get his act together, he finds it easier to tell the rest of the world to slow down, harsh yes!

But in all honesty, there are some people, regardless of his view, who will succeed, and some people who aren't here to blow away their parents' trust funds, but rather work full-time jobs to keep up. So, while some people can enjoy the next few



pointless years of their lives, think about how much money and time you'd be saving if you drank your life away at home and got yourself that 2.0 job. I, personally, would rather not watch as I waste away my life and time, but what you do is up to you. Still, what's the point in going out to get drunk every weekend? Why live up to the sad stereotype already placed on our generation?

If this is offensive to you, I apologize, but in exception to your "geeky engineers" there are non-engineers striving to be better, too—ones who actually need to work hard to be here and strive for, not for that 2.0 job, that they won't like, but because somewhere down the line they will be the ones defining the stereotypical role placed on university students and saving your ass from every little situation. I will add that there are die-hard textbook readers who work hard themselves and should settle down once in a while, but to assume that we all should just accept a C-minus, well, maybe some of us just aren't willing to settle when we know we can do better. After all, why settle for anything? You wouldn't settle on just anything, would you? We should settle on just any grade?

AMY LIND  
Arts 1

### Peppin right, but also very wrong

At first, I was offended by Tim Peppin's article "Don't call yourself a Christian—you're not" (25 November) raises a blatant challenge to Christians: practice your faith or give it up. Particular exception is taken up with middle-class Canadians whose alleged allegiance to Christ is only that—alleged and not truly lived. Peppin appears to have a fairly strong case. His definition of a Christian as one who is "completely motivated ... to do God's work," feed the hungry, give to the poor and not judge others, lines up closely with the demands Jesus places on his followers.

Granted, there is some confusion in his definition regarding detachment and desolation; discipleship demands the former, not the latter. Objection can also be made with Peppin's assumptions that families and education are proscribed by the New Testament, or with the lack of attention to baptism and faith (since being a Christian is not simply a function, or a "doing" of something

are unwilling to live like one should "give up the sham."

However, the Bible does not teach that Christians are to have no worldly possessions, no family, no education, and no thoughts about the future. On the contrary, while God does call us to value His kingdom more than these things, he also calls us to a useful and productive life. Peppin's views are not new; in the city of Thessaloniki almost 2000 years ago, there were many who thought as he does. Christ says to them, through Paul, "... settle down and earn the bread you eat" (2 Thess 3:12).

Yes, Mr. Peppin, I'm praying for you. However, I can't tell you that you're going to hell. We'll have to leave that for someone else to decide.

KENT DYKSTRA  
Graduate Studies

### Peppin should take a look around

Tim Peppin's article "Don't call yourself a Christian—you're not" (25 November) raises a blatant challenge to Christians: practice your faith or give it up. Particular exception is taken up with middle-class Canadians whose alleged allegiance to Christ is only that—alleged and not truly lived. Peppin appears to have a fairly strong case. His definition of a Christian as one who is "completely motivated ... to do God's work," feed the hungry, give to the poor and not judge others, lines up closely with the demands Jesus places on his followers.

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like giving money away). More fundamentally, a Christian is one who enters into communion with the living God and lives out his or her life in light of this new life in Christ. That said, our Christian-laden society, as Peppin emphatically points out, doesn't always reflect this reality.

Castigating middle-class believers for failing to reciprocate God's love by serving others in a meaningful way is something Christians like myself need to hear. God himself has some rather strong words for believers who go through rituals and devotions and thank heaven for their comfortable lifestyle while neglecting the needy and down-trodden. The prophet Amos spells this out rather clearly, particularly in verses 5: 21-24.

While this discussion can go on and on, it should be mentioned that, not surprisingly, the Christian community is made up of regular humans (not superhumans) and like Jesus' disciples, we don't always get it right—some do most days. You don't have to travel to the slums of Calcutta to meet them either. Homegrown Jean Varie, founder of L'Arche communities for the disabled, comes to mind as an example. If you take a second look around, Mr. Peppin, I'm sure your Christian count might actually rise beyond a handful.

GERARD MCLARNEY  
Education alumnus '03

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## International tuition hike makes sense

ROSS  
PRUSAKOWSKI

"However, it's foolish to make the same investment in an international student's tuition. In general, whereas most Canadian students will remain in the country and put the education they received to use here, few international students stay in Canada to add to society."

Ah, the end of the semester—it's the season of stress, papers, exams and the time when we all figure out how to stretch one dollar to buy nine gifts. The end of the fall semester also brings other types of fun, though, as this is when the inhabitants of University Hall start talking about the tuition increase for next year. This year especially has been exciting, as the proposed 17.75 per cent increase in tuition for international students has caused a fair amount of anger and uproar. And while I can sympathize with the students who are angry over the increase, it makes sense, and in reality is probably long overdue.

This is because the increase—which will be 17.75 per cent after the 5.75 per cent increase every student is facing is subtracted—will bring the amount international students pay up to \$14 394 annually.

This is a high number, but it's still a little short of the \$15 000 it actually costs for a year of education at the University of Alberta, according to the *Edmonton Journal*. However, it is substantially closer to the actual cost of education than the roughly \$11 000 international students are paying now, which adds up to a decent-sized short-

fall in the University budget when it comes to the cost of educating international students versus what they pay. A shortfall of any size reduces the quality of education for all students, regardless of where it comes from, by forcing the University to reduce staff and services to meet its budget. This, in turn, makes it harder for them to offer a high-quality education.

For those of us who happen to hail from different parts of Canada, the significant gap between what we actually pay and the true cost of our education is made up by the provincial government and the taxpayers of this province.

As a society, we have decided that some level of government support for postsecondary education is important, because the investment that the government makes in students today can be expected to be returned at an equal or increased amount in the future, in the form of tax revenues. For Canadian students, taxpayers, and the government, there will be an immense return on the investment for society, making the risks and present cost trivial by comparison.

However, it's foolish to make the same investment in an international student's tuition. In general, whereas

most Canadian students will remain in the country and put the education they received to use here, few international students stay in Canada to add to society. According to government statistics, only 19 per cent of international students apply for permanent residence status. Subsidizing their education for a minimal return when homegrown students who will contribute to Canada are struggling to fund their own education is silly. As a society we need to maximize the return on the increasingly smaller sum of money we are devoting to education so that we are able to look after our own needs as a province and as a country.

By taking the stance that international students should pay nearly the full cost of educating them, the University is ensuring that they are protecting the quality of education they're providing. That, along with the need for a substantial return on the colossal investment that governments are making in their local students, makes the 17.75 per cent increase warranted, even if it may be a bit much to drop on students during a season already fully loaded with anxiety and stress.

## Ukraine, US have very subtle differences

AARON  
BRAATEN

According to the Associated Press, George W Bush talked with reporters from his Crawford, Texas ranch this past weekend, stating, "There's just a lot of allegations of vote fraud that placed their election—the validity of their elections—in doubt." Yeah, I thought he was talking about the US election too, but it turns out he was referring to the Ukrainian one. How the US media was able to sleep through the irony that Bush, I'll have to wait for Jon Stewart to elucidate.

Given similar evidence of vote fraud, voter intimidation and media bias, why does one would-be leader of a democracy concede and the other not? Well, maybe the world and the US dollar would plunge into chaos and oblivion, respectively, if Kerry contested the electoral voting results. The world might be able to deal with a Ukraine in chaos, but definitely not the US. Kerry likely knew this and conceded.

Don't get me wrong—I don't think Kerry is much different from Bush. Both are blue-blooded, eastern-establishment Yales who happen to have slick enough marketing campaigns to make voters think there's a difference, like Coke and Pepsi. I personally lean towards what Moses Naim coined the "George W Kerry" theory in the May 2004 issue of *Foreign Policy*. That said, it is interesting to examine how the US media portrays the differences between a fledgling democracy and a cracking empire.

For example, in the Ukraine, when there are differences between exit polling data and the election results,

this is reason to suspect fraud, because exit polls are quite accurate. After all, they're conducted by private companies who offer a third-party scientific evaluation. In the US, even though exit polls have been reliable in the past, differences arise between these results and election data because the exit pollsters are unpatriotic pinko-commies. In the case of a discrepancy, exit polls should be scrapped and only unproven electronic voting machines owned by pro-Republican corporations should be trusted.

In the Ukraine, when people parade around in the streets like rabid revolutionaries, they're freedom-loving libertarians seeking Milton Friedman's autograph, Coke and a Republican groupie. In contrast with the Carlyle Group, they love America and hate Russia. In the US, when people parade around in the streets, they're freedom-hating Osama-lovers who want to dismantle the military-industrial machine and recycle it into abortion clinic equipment. The fact that they can run around doing this is proof that the terrorist are "winning." They love

Russia and hate America.

In the Ukraine, intimidation by party officials and the exclusion of groups of voters based on race, gender, age or any other category is cause for wholesale revolt. In the US, it's just good politics. If their skin is black, they're not going to vote for Bush anyway.

In the Ukraine, when the media offers up unfair, unbalanced coverage of one party over the other, suspicions arise that there is a conspiracy afoot. In the US, it's Fox, and there was no shot from the grassy knoll.

Well, maybe the US media is just supplying what the market demands. Americans consume self-perception and validation from the media. I'd say they're consuming lies, but as Orwell, Huxley and Goebbel's observed long ago, if they are repeated often enough, they become truths. I certainly hope the Americans soon stumble onto a truth uttered by Stalin, one Ukrainians know all too well and reject vehemently: "It is not the people who vote that count, but the people who count the votes."

Average price of a barrel last spring was about \$33, and the last time a barrel averaged less than \$26 was May of 2003—not exactly shrewd fiscal management.

Whether they're doing this to make themselves look good, or so they don't have to spend money when people are demanding it, or even if it is just a sheer inability to predict oil prices, misjudging a budget by more than four billion dollars is worthy of a little time in the sack.

DAVID BERRY

The following sack beating goes out to provincial government, for once again providing us with a surplus worthy of Bill Gates' bank statement.

I realize it's a little odd to beat someone for having more money than they said they were going to have, but the fact that this happens every year, without fail, borders on incompetence. For instance, last year's budget was built on oil prices—the only thing that really matters to Alberta's budget line—is \$26US per barrel. While we certainly can't blame them for not predicting \$50 oil, the

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## China has a long way to go for true freedom



ROB FURSTEWICZ

The claim is that this satellite network is "to monitor water reserves, forests, farmland, city construction and 'various activities of society,'" a state official proclaimed on China Central Television. It's nice to keep track of water reserves, forests and development of cities, and even a paranoid democracy wouldn't find much problem with that. Yet the Orwellian monitoring of various activities of society goes above and beyond any reasonable purpose, and completes detracts from the credibility China has gained as a nation undergoing extensive change and liberation of individuals.

**Economically, the Chinese are almost as free as westerners. Yet that's where the "freedom" stops.**

The CIA World Factbook mentions that for many centuries, "China stood as a leading civilization, outpacing the rest of the world in the arts and sciences." Although vast national problems in the 19th and early 20th centuries, along with the castorily dictatorship of Mao Zedong, took China downward, it has climbed back up, once again outpacing the fight to lead civilization. How silly all this eye-in-the-sky stuff seems. No, make that scary, since the nation is on pace to be the dominant world power of the late 21st century.

All of this should not come as much of a surprise. If China's goal is to be the next American Empire, there is but one route to follow: the United States. In this case of geopolitical observational learning, the US is teaching China all the

wrong lessons. Rather than serving as a beacon for personal and political freedom, America has launched the controversial Patriot Act, as well as the Terrorism Information and Prevention System (TIPS) Program, which called for Americans to report any suspicious activity of any sort to the government, a project that has been shut down due to intense citizen outrage, and the Information Awareness Office, a Pentagon-based secretive intelligence system to gather and centralize info on every American, such as credit-card purchases and travel or medical history; it, too, was stopped before it began.

In fact, the US government is currently funding a study of a system to monitor online chat rooms. A former head of the justice Department's computer crimes unit told MSNBC that such a system would bring America a step closer to the Information Awareness Office. And if you can't spew random nonsense anonymously online, where can you?

In a few of the aforementioned freedom-fighting cases—the government fighting against citizens' freedom, I mean—America's citizens, watchdog groups and organizations fought back. The Chinese don't have such an option.

If America's political and military leaders truly are committed to freedom for the world's people, they would shoot those egregious satellites down whenever the "Star Wars" missile defense program is implemented and fully operational.

But again, the US government doesn't seem very interested in shooting down Big Brother in its own country, so why would it aim its sights at what a one-party dictatorship in capitalist-friendly China does?

## Coming soon: another election



TONY SANTIN

was restored. And since this would also determine the Commons' confidence in the government, a loss here would result in a new election. It was only after Gilles Duceppe and Stephen Harper threatened to be waiting for Paul Martin at the bike racks after Parliament that the draft was accepted. Otherwise, we'd already be heading to the polls.

But don't chalk this one up merely to partisan politicking on the part of Her Majesty's "Loyal" Opposition. The Liberals have done plenty to deserve their scorn even just over the summer. Defense Minister Bill Graham claimed he had a Mark Messier rookie card, two Jari Kurri's and a signed Grant Fuhr, when actually they were just a bunch of crappy submarines and a pair of Ken Linseman cards that were burnt on the edges.

And no one can forget what that big kid from Shawinigan was doing: getting lunch money from others to buy candy for everyone in French class. But no, he just gave it to his friends. Hell, even in an August issue of Maclean's, one Liberal braggart was heard to say that the Liberals would merely have to rely on the Tories for money bills and the NDP for social issues and the upcoming session of Parliament would be "a piece of cake."

So it's going to be budget time soon, and you can just imagine what that's going to be like. Spittails and paper wasps will be the least of their worries then.

Once the budget is defeated, the government falls and election time comes around, be sure to get out there and vote. If there's anyone who should be keeping those little brats in line, it may as well be us.

We're all familiar with the irony of China, a totalitarian, one-party Communist state that also happens to be at the forefront of world capitalism: the devouring of natural resources, the bloat of huge Canadian corporations, and the friendly second home of Wal-Mart.

The economy is flourishing, freshly minted millionaires are moving in on every Beijing block, and every toy you'll ever buy your child has a "Made in China" stamp on it. A recent *Globe and Mail* Saturday edition dedicated entirely to the country as a rising power enforced the idea that China will lead the world by the end of this century.

Even "Rebuilding America's Defenses," a 2000 document by the influential Project for a New American Century think-tank, stated that "Raising US military strength in East Asia is the key to coping with the rise of China to great power status. The prospect is that East Asia will become an increasingly important region, marked by the rise of Chinese power."

Economically, the Chinese are almost as free as westerners. Yet that's where the "freedom" stops. This fact was brought home with news that the Chinese government plans to launch one hundred satellites—"eyes in the sky," as Reuters put it; a "large surveying network" as a Chinese government official put it—snapping on the world's second most populous nation.

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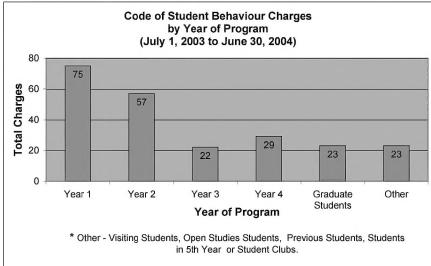
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# 'Fat tax' could save us in the long run

MICHAEL KLRAY



Because of the gargantuan stress cigarette smoking has placed on the healthcare system, the federal government made the decision years ago to aggressively tax cigarettes. The goal was to discourage smoking and to generate revenue to offset the costs that smokers place on society. Health Canada reports that taxes on cigarettes reimburse the government for approximately 50 per cent of smoking-attributable healthcare costs. Smoker "user fees" are necessary to combat the enormous costs those individuals who choose to smoke place on society.

Health Canada states that cancer is the second most deadly disease in Canada, and tobacco is the leading cause of death related to cancer at 30 per cent. I believe that the government is correct to tax the hell out of the primary cause of the second most deadly disease. However, I think that the government should also tax the hell out of the leading cause of the number one killer: heart disease.

According to Health Canada, in January 2003, cardiovascular disease cost the healthcare system an estimated \$7.3 billion in direct costs and \$16.9 billion in indirect costs. Poor diet was the single most important

"Individuals will be forced to look for alternatives to fast food. The revenue generated by the fat tax could facilitate a national health-education program that will give the general public the knowledge to make wise food choices and transform our morbidly obese society into a slightly overweight nation."

factor related to heart disease. A significant reason why Canadian diets are spiraling downward is the soaring consumption of fast food. I think the government should institute a "fat tax" on every saturated-fat laden product that passes over fast-food counters.

Individuals consume so much fast food because it's affordable and they don't know any better. A fat tax would have a preventative effect analogous to the effect that the massive taxes on cigarettes has had on their consumption. A fat tax would generate monstrous revenue for the government. This revenue could be used to combat the ever-growing social costs of heart disease, as well as educate and encourage better eating habits among the general public.

I, for one, would much rather pay \$7 for a cheeseburger than have to pay a lot more in taxes to fund operations for those individuals who would never think of not supersizing. I assure you that a \$7 cheeseburger will result in a shorter drive-through line at McDonald's, and when a McD's customer places an order, he or she will likely choose to order just one cheeseburger instead of the usual two or three. Individuals will be forced

to look for alternatives to fast food. The revenue generated by the fat tax could facilitate a national health-education program that will give the general public the knowledge to make wise food choices and transform our morbidly obese society into a slightly overweight nation."

Please, do not worry that the loss of some business for fast-food chains would drastically affect our economy. If one were to take the time to glance at the annual revenues of the major fast-food chains, one would see that these companies can easily afford to lose a few billion dollars on the top.

Also, for the love of God, do not tell me that a fat tax is a violation of your freedom of choice. One should not be free to choose when the choice negatively impacts others. It isn't fair to decide to gorge oneself on preservative-laden refuse and then expect taxpayers, who don't have a choice, to pay for your angioplasty. If you truly aspire to be "free," by all means choose to eat your triple-bacon cheeseburger, but also accept the consequences and be willing to foot the medical bill. And really, a \$100 000 quadruple bypass surgery probably isn't worth a 99-cent cheeseburger.

## Canada definitely needs the monarchy

JOSH KJENNER



I have a rule I apply when navigating the Internet: only follow links that involve either Polish women named Basia or calculators or both. This saves me time, and lets me focus on the only two things that still matter to me in this crazy goddamn world.

However, while I was on globeandmail.com Monday night, trying to figure out who won't prerequisite for me when expressing the amount of "Tory" seen in scientific notation, I came across a link that I found interesting involving neither of the two elements normally prerequisite for my attention. It was a poll, and the not-kind that's actually a dink. No, this poll was asking me if I thought that Canada should sever its tie to the monarchy after the Queen steps down.

After registering an extremely stern "no" vote, I viewed the results, and was shocked to see that 59 per cent of respondents disagreed with me. And with this, the sperm of the world once again fertilized the egg that is my mind, and another 500-word article

child was conceived.

What strikes me as the absolute stupidest part of severing our monarchial ties is that people seem to want to do it just for the sake of doing it. The only thing that should be done for the sake of doing it is kicking puppies. Otherwise, we should stick to the maxim of undereducated status quo lovers worldwide: if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

**Cutting our ties with Britain will also cut our ties with a chance of having the sexiest head of state ever: the Prince of Wales and my dreams, William.**

The monarchy doesn't hurt anyone in Canada, so why get rid of it? Sure, it's more or less pointless, but so is your appendix. Doing away with our monarchial ties is the societal equivalent of pulling out the scalpel, splitting some Wild Turkey on your gut and going to work—it just doesn't make sense.

We must also remember that if we get rid of the monarchy, we get rid of the Governor General. Who's going to charter caviar filled dirigibles to

fly to Iceland and promote Canada if we have no Governor General? Who's supposed to read the throne speech and knight people and start crusades? I know the Speaker of the House sure won't, that little pussy. We need a Governor General.

Cutting our ties with Britain will also cut our ties with a chance of having the sexiest head of state ever: the Prince of Wales and my dreams. William. He's not only stunningly handsome, but he's an everyman too. According to Canada.com, he "shoots pool," and "buys his own groceries"—he's just like us, only 100 times sexier.

But appendices, Governors General, homoeopathy, and some amount of joking aside, the monarchy is beneficial to Canada because it helps to achieve—better than almost anything else—our ultimate and most sacred common goal: being different from Americans. More than the Genies or George Stromboliopolous or ridiculous beer commercials, the monarchy is something that helps to distinguish us from our neighbours to the south, and helps us to achieve some kind of "national identity."

If you're still not convinced, here's a metaphor that will knock your Queen-hatin' socks off: the monarchy is to Canada as a pom-pom is to a toque—utterly pointless but cool as shit. And who, I ask, doesn't like a good pom-pom?

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## Bears sweep scrappy home-and-home with Dinos

JAKE TROUGHTON  
Sports Editor

The Calgary Dinos put up a fight, both physically and on the scoreboard, but the Golden Bears hockey team responded in kind on the way to winning both ends of a home-and-home series over the weekend.

Both games—a 4–3 Bears overtime win in Calgary on Friday and a 5–2 win Saturday at Clare Drake Arena—saw a series of roughing penalties leading to a scrum, with the Dinos (4–6–2) taking the bulk of the calls. They were sharper on the penalty kill on Saturday, allowing only one power-play goal as opposed to three on Friday, but their frequent penalty troubles hampered their efforts to bounce back after the Bears (13–1) took a 3–2 lead early in the second period.

Dinos head coach Scott Atkinson said that his players had difficulty keeping level heads after an emotional loss on Friday.

"There's a very fine balance with competitiveness and discipline, and we obviously didn't have the best balance [Saturday]," he said. "I also didn't agree with every call, either, but at the end of the day, we have to find a better balance."

Daun, who has long been a vocal opponent of anti-fighting rules in university hockey, suggested that those rules contributed directly to the number of penalties and dust-ups, particularly on Saturday.

"Physical [play] you don't mind, but it's the BS that goes on, and that's what happens when you don't have fighting in the game," he said. "It's an emotional game, and when you play with emotion these type of things are going to happen. The referee has a job to do, and when it gets beyond his control that the players have to take it upon themselves, and they can't."

"[Anti-fighting advocates] don't understand, and they don't care," he added. "They'd rather have guys butchered with sticks and hit from behind and all the chicken-shit stuff that goes on, and that's what happens when you get one team that doesn't want to be disciplined and



JEFFREY GREENBAUM

SATURDAY NIGHT'S ALRIGHT FOR FIGHTING Bears forward Steve Shrum (27) takes a Dino down during Saturday's 5–2 Alberta win at Clare Drake.

doesn't care."

With the two wins, Alberta stretched its unbeaten streak against the Dinos to 42 games (37–0–5), dating back to February 1999, which Bears defenseman and captain Gavin McLeod said may have contributed to the charged atmosphere in the games.

"Things got a little out of hand [Saturday], but that's the way it goes when there's that kind of emotion," he said. "It's tough for them; they haven't beaten us for awhile, and I think it's start-

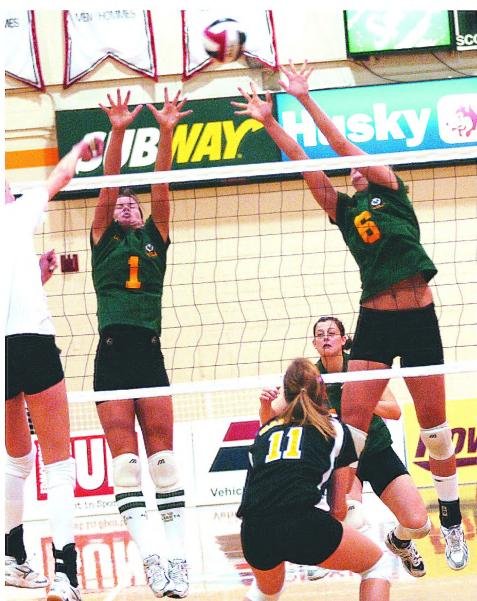
ing to frustrate them a little."

For his part, Atkinson acknowledged that the long losing streak was on his team's mind, but downplayed the effects.

"There's a weight there; it's an issue mostly because it's brought to the forefront every time we play them," he said. "But there's hardly any players in that room that [the streak is] a true statement of. We've had 20 new players in the last three years; there's seven players who that's their first two losses to the Bears."

Atkinson suggested that if the Dinos can create a break or two in their next meeting with the Bears, they'll have a chance at finally ending the streak.

"The difference between their team and ours is that they find a way to get things done when they need it, and we haven't," he said. "[The 5–2 score] is not something I'm happy with, and I'm not happy with all the penalties, but I also know that we're a lot closer. There's no question in my mind, we're a lot closer to beating this team than we have been in the past."



PUT YOUR HANDS UP Two Pandas jump for a block during a straight-set win over the Bisons.

## Volleyball Pandas bounce back with two wins over Manitoba

Once-strong Bisons give Alberta a chance to end losing streak

ANDREW RENFREW  
Sports Writer

At about five-foot-six, Manitoba Bisons women's volleyball head coach Ken Bentley is dwarfed by the players on his team—but while Bentley's physical stature is not very formidable, his coaching record certainly is.

Bentley holds an impressive record, having coached the Bisons to 15 consecutive CIS championship appearances from 1987 to 2001. During that stretch the Bisons won four national titles and brought home a total of eleven medals.

However, this season will not likely be added to the long list of successful ones for Bentley and the Bisons, who suffered two straight-set losses at the hands of the Pandas (6–4) on Friday and Saturday nights in the Main Gym. With a 2–8 record at the midpoint of the year, the Bisons sit seventh in the nine-team Canada West conference and have their work cut out for them if they're going to qualify for this year's national championship at the University of Saskatchewan. But while Bentley says he's still optimistic that his team's season can be salvaged.

"You don't always have the perfect team," said Bentley. "I think if you wait for the perfect team you've got a long wait because I haven't had a perfect team yet. I've had some really good ones but by no means have we been perfect at every position."

The Bisons' troubles this season are in part because of inexperience. They have seven first-year players on their roster, and Bentley has been trying to find a good line-up that can put wins on

the scoreboard. Bentley was also frustrated with the officiating on Saturday, suggesting that some questionable calls near the end of the third and final set affected the flow of the game through he seemed most upset by a double hit called against the Pandas when Alberta was up 22–20.

"Ultimately the best thing a referee can do is let the athletes decide who wins the match, let them be athletes and make plays," he said. "[The referee] shouldn't have had a part in the end of that match—it was a bullshit call."

Though Manitoba was unable to win a set this weekend, Pandas head coach Laurie Eisler pointed out that the sets were close for the most part, and complimented the Bisons' play.

"They always stay in the pipe; even though they get down, they stick with it, and if you start making mistakes all of a sudden the game's close," she said. "They're a team that just doesn't give up, and you've got to keep playing and playing well to beat them."

The wins for the Pandas brought their record to 6–4 despite losing into the holiday break, and saw their rollercoaster season take an uprising. They had been on a four-game losing streak heading into the weekend, after opening the year with four straight wins. Eisler said she feels that the team now has some momentum to build on when they resume play in January.

"This last two weeks have been really tough," she said. "I wouldn't call it a death spiral, because ... in the losses we've found a lot of learning. It looks really bad on paper and it's not good by any means, but going through it I think was a necessary evil for our team."

# Volleyball Bears show depth in sweep of Bisons

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI  
Sports Writer

With the first half of the season over, a seat atop the national rankings and a 9-1 conference record with very few close matches, it hardly seems anyone could have scripted things better for the Golden Bears volleyball squad.

Even a potential controversy over playing time was being brushed off this weekend as the team continued to win, posting a pair of victories over the Manitoba Bisons (3-5).

**"On Friday we were in it, then they made a couple substitutions and the guys they bring off the bench are really good players. It's very tough to face a team with that much depth."**

**GARTH PISCHKE,  
MANITOBA BISONS HEAD COACH**

With starting power and co-captain Aaron Schulha scheduled to be fully recovered from an ankle injury when the Bears hit the court again in January, head coach Terry Danyluk will have a tough decision to make. That's because of rookie left side Alex Gaumont. Casias' strong play since entering the lineup when Schulha went down four games ago, and it's a perfect example of the roster depth the Bears boast.

It's a depth that doesn't go unnoticed by opponents, as Bisons head coach Garth Pischeck made clear after the Bears beat his team 3-1 (25-18, 30-32, 25-18, 26-24) on Friday and then followed that up with a straight-set win (25-22, 25-18, 25-20) on Saturday.

"[Schulha] is maybe their best player," said Pischeck. "They've got five national-team players, and they're good. On Friday we were in it, then they made a couple substitutions and the guys they bring off the bench are really good players. It's very tough to face a team with that much depth."

It's depth that Danyluk has taken care to assemble, and though down the road that could lead to conflicts over playing time as numerous players prove themselves capable of starting roles, he said it bodes well for the future of the team.

"I think it's only a good thing if the players have to battle for time on the court. [Casias] is a rookie who's had a great opportunity and [Schulha] is a fifth-year guy who's earned his stripes too," said Danyluk. "Using them both is an option that we didn't know we had six weeks ago. Three weeks ago it came up because of an injury and now we know we have that option so we're one step farther ahead as a team because we've developed a third power hitter."

Schulha agreed with his coach, noting that the next couple of years will see a number of experienced players graduate from the team and require that younger players be prepared to step up and help maintain what has been one of the strongest programs in the country over the last five years.



**TAKE A SHOT** The Golden Bears try to block a Bisons hit during one of two wins over Manitoba in the Main Gym.

"I think it's good that we have the depth that we do," he said. "It creates a lot of battles in practice; everyone wants to be on the floor, obviously, so everyone's working hard in practice and that makes our team better as a whole."

That sentiment is echoed through-

out the team, and Schulha's looming return doesn't seem to bother the player whose playing time is most likely to be affected.

"The best player will play," said Gaumont Casias. "I think Schulha is a really good player who brings a lot of energy on the court, and he is play-

ing really well. For me as a first year to play with him and have the chance to practice with him every day, it's a great experience. So if he plays and I don't I'll be pretty happy because he's a big part of this team. I can accept that without a problem and with a smile on the face."

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Football

Golden Bears head coach Jerry Friesen was awarded the Frank Tindall Trophy as CIS coach of the year on Friday in Hamilton. He was recognized for leading the Bears to a stunning turnaround over the last two seasons; they finished with an overall record of 8-2 this season and appeared in the conference championship game, only two years after struggling to a 1-7 record. Friesen is only the second Golden Bears coach to win the CIS football coach of the year award, and the first since 1971 when Jim Donley won it.

Saturday in Hamilton, the Laval Rouge et Or beat the Saskatchewan Huskies 7-7 in the lowest-scoring Vanier Cup game in history to capture their second-straight national championship. The eight points scored were eleven lower than the previous record of 19, which occurred in both 1978 and 1967. Despite losing, the Huskies allowed the fifth-lowest points-against total in Vanier Cup history. Both teams' offenses were uncharacteristically anemic: Saskatchewan quarterback Steve Blain threw five interceptions in the game, after throwing only seven in nine previous games this year, while Laval running back Jeronimo Huerta-Flores, the Quebec MVP, was held to only 41 yards rushing. The game was played in front of 14,227 fans at Ivor Wynne Stadium in Hamilton, the first time the game has ever been held outside of Toronto.

### Women's Hockey

The top-ranked, undefeated Pandas (10-0) kept rolling over the weekend, earning a pair of shutouts over the UBC Thunderbirds (3-5) in Vancouver. They won 5-0 on Friday before posting a 9-0 thumping on Saturday. Eight different Pandas scored goals in the second game, with forwards Danielle Bourgeois (one goal and four assists) and Lindsay McAlpine (two goals and one assist) among the top scorers.

With the first half of the season over, the Pandas have established themselves as the clear leader of the pack in the Canada West standings, but things are much tighter among the other teams. Only four points separate the second-place Regina

Cougars (5-4-1) from the last-place Saskatchewan Huskies and Manitoba Bisons (both 3-6-1).

### Women's Basketball

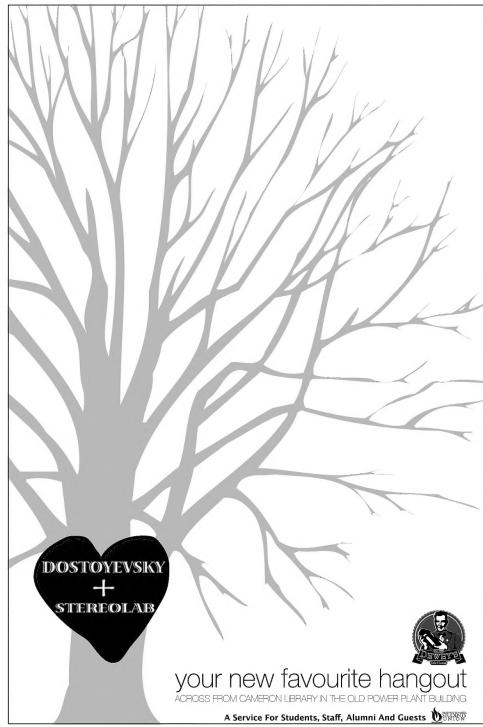
The Pandas (2-6) ended their fall schedule by winning their first two games of the Canada West season over the weekend, scoring two wins on the road over the Lethbridge Pronghorns (2-6). Friday, the Pandas won 76-63 on the strength of 10-point performances from Forwards Kristin Jarock and Stephanie Stolk. Forward Patricia Aris led the way on Saturday with 18 points in an 80-78 overtime win. Aris hit two key free throws with 07 seconds left in regulation time on Saturday and guard Michelle Smale nailed a go-ahead three pointer with four seconds left in OT for the victory. The wins put the Pandas in better position to fight for a playoff spot when play resumes in January. They're currently in a three-way tie, with Lethbridge and the Manitoba Bisons, for the eighth and final playoff spot.

### Men's Basketball

The Golden Bears (4-2) split a pair of games on the road this weekend against the Lethbridge Pronghorns (1-7). The heavily-favoured Bears squeaked out a tight 63-62 victory Friday. Post Scott Gordon returned for his first Canada West game this season after sitting out with a dislocated shooting finger and, along with centre Richard Bates and guards Gavin Fedorak and Dean Whalen, led the Bears with ten points. Pronghorns forward Nick Baldwin had a game-high 22 rebounds in the loss. Saturday, the Bears came out cold and found themselves down 18 at halftime. They cut the lead to one in the second half, but could never get over the hump and eventually lost 77-66, giving the Pronghorns their first win of the season. Guard Mike Melnychuk led the Bears with 19 points in 25 minutes on the court.

### Swimming

The Golden Bears and Pandas sent seven swimmers to the Canadian Open Short Course Nationals in Calgary last weekend. However, no Alberta swimmers were able to reach the finals in any of the events at the four-day meet.





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## THE STATS PAGE

### Women's Hockey

Canada West standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Alberta	10	10	0	0	59	9	20
Regina	10	5	4	1	35	28	11
Lethbridge	10	3	4	3	25	37	9
UBC	10	3	5	2	18	38	8
Saskatchewan	10	3	6	1	25	35	7
Manitoba	10	3	6	1	20	35	7

### Results

Friday	Saturday
Lethbridge 3 Sask 2	Lethbridge 2 Sask 4
Manitoba 0 Regina 4	Manitoba 4 Regina 3

### CIS top ten (last week)

1 Alberta (1)	6. Concordia (7)
2. Laurier (2)	7. Brock (8)
T3 Guelph (3)	T8. McGill (6)
T3 Ottawa (5)	T8. Regina (8)
5 St Francis Xavier (4)	10. Saint Mary's (7)

### Men's Hockey

Canada West standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Alberta	14	13	1	0	65	23	26
Calgary	14	4	6	2	39	33	10
Lethbridge	14	2	11	1	37	81	5
UBC	14	0	10	4	35	68	4

### Great Plains Division

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Manitoba	14	9	3	2	56	32	20
Saskatchewan	12	9	2	1	53	31	19
Regina	16	5	9	2	40	47	12

### Results

Friday	Saturday
Regina 1 Manitoba 5	Regina 0 Manitoba 4
UBC 3 Lethbridge 7	UBC 3 Lethbridge 3
Alberta 4 Calgary 3	Calgary 2 Alberta 5

### Women's Basketball

Canada West standings

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
Saskatchewan	8	5	3	556	507	10
Calgary	8	5	3	494	477	10
Alberta	8	2	6	510	584	4
Lethbridge	8	2	6	540	597	4

### Pacific Division

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
Simon Fraser	8	8	0	615	380	16
UBC	8	5	3	503	439	10
Victoria	8	4	4	452	473	8
Trinity Western	8	1	7	442	573	2

### Great Plains Division

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
Winnipeg	8	8	0	598	425	16
Regina	8	4	4	477	483	8
Manitoba	6	2	4	447	472	4
Brandon	6	0	6	238	472	0

### Results

Thursday	Friday
Brandon 42 Winnipeg 75	Regina 76 Manitoba 67
UBC 81 TWU 59	Sask 60 Calgary 71
	Alberta 76 Lethbridge 53
	Victoria 77 SFU 69

Saturday
Winnipeg 66 Brandon 33
Regina 56 Manitoba 68
Sask 60 Calgary 48
Alberta 80 Lethbridge 78
UBC 62 TWU 30
Victoria 55 SFU 69

### Men's Volleyball

Canada West standings

Team	MP	W	L	GW	GL	PTS
Alberta	10	9	1	29	7	18
Saskatchewan	8	6	2	21	10	12
UBC	8	5	3	19	12	10
TWU	8	5	3	18	14	10
Winnipeg	8	5	3	17	14	10
Manitoba	8	2	6	11	19	4
Calgary	8	1	7	4	22	2
Regina	10	1	9	7	28	2

### Results

Friday	Saturday
Manitoba 1 Alberta 3	Regina 0 Winnipeg 3
Regina 0 Winnipeg 3	Calgary 0 Sask 3
Calgary 0 Sask 3	Manitoba 0 Alberta 3
TWU 3 UBC 2	TWU 3 UBC 2

### CIS top ten (last week)

1 Alberta (1)	6. Manitoba (7)
2. Trinity Western (2)	7. Dalhousie (8)
3. Saskatchewan (3)	8. Calgary (4)
4. UBC (6)	9. York (9)
5. Winnipeg (5)	10. Montreal (10)

### Women's Volleyball

Canada West standings

Team	GP	W	L	GW	GL	PTS
UBC	10	10	0	30	4	20
Calgary	10	10	0	30	9	20
Winnipeg	10	8	2	26	13	16
Regina	9	6	3	19	12	12
Alberta	10	6	4	23	20	12
TWU	8	2	6	12	21	4
Manitoba	10	2	8	10	24	4
Simon Fraser	10	0	10	9	30	0
Saskatchewan	10	0	10	1	30	0

### Results

Friday	Saturday
Regina 0 Sask 0	Calgary 3 Sask 0
Calgary 3 Sask 0	Manitoba 0 Alberta 3
SFU 0 SFU 3	Regina 1 Winnipeg 3
Manitoba 0 Alberta 3	SFU 1 UBC 3

### Men's Basketball

Canada West standings

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
Saskatchewan	8	5	3	665	626	10
Alberta	6	4	2	416	426	8
Calgary	6	4	2	467	420	8
Lethbridge	8	1	7	552	641	2

### Pacific Division

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
Victoria	8	6	2	588	547	12
UBC	8	5	3	585	517	10
Trinity Western	6	3	3	428	469	6
Simon Fraser	6	0	6	418	468	0

### Great Plains Division

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
Brandon	6	4	2	496	457	8
Regina	6	4	2	479	450	8
Manitoba	6	3	3	423	446	6
Winnipeg	6	0	6	466	516	0

### Results

Thursday	Friday
Brandon 83 Winnipeg 66	Regina 88 Manitoba 74
UBC 86 TWU 54	Sask 76 Calgary 86
	Alberta 63 Lethbridge 62
	Victoria 73 SFU 65

Saturday
Regina 53 Manitoba 59
Winnipeg 93 Brandon 98
Victoria 89 SFU 71
Sask 71 Calgary 83
UBC 74 TWU 76

# Acting issues make *Alexander* not so great

## Alexander

Directed by Oliver Stone  
Starring Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer, Rosario Dawson, Jared Leto and Anthony Hopkins  
Now Playing

YING-YING LEE  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Alexander is the story of an ambitious and powerful figure, the son of a former leader (that would be King Philip of Macedonia), who boldly sought to conquer much of the known world. Draw what similarities you may to a certain current world leader, but Alexander is a film of epic proportions that depicts the trials and tribulations of one of history's most prominent figures, Alexander the Great.

**Where the movie falls flat emotionally, it picks up with explosive action. Two major battle scenes depict the gory violence that we've come to expect of director Oliver Stone. Vigorous camera movement serves to completely disorient viewers and successfully conveys the chaotic atmosphere of the battles.**

The story unfolds years after Alexander's death, from the point of view of Ptolemy (Anthony Hopkins), Alexander's general and trusted friend. Alexander, son of Macedonia's King Philip (Val Kilmer) and Olympias (Angelina Jolie), is obliged to assume the role of king at the tender age of 20 following the untimely demise of his father.

As King, Alexander leads his armies eastward from Macedonia to valiantly conquer 90 per cent of the known world over a period of only eight years. The film balances Alexander's life of heroic bravery and violent battles with his inner struggles and hardships to instill elements of humanity into the great leader.

Hollywood bad boy Colin Farrell assumes the role of Alexander and takes the character from his naïve adolescence to his death at the age of 33.

Though Farrell impressively plays the part of king and conqueror, he struggles with expressing Alexander's emotional side. In tender moments with Hephaestion (Jared Leto)—Alexander's childhood friend, battle mate, and lover—Farrell falls short in convincingly showing affection.

The believability of Alexander's relationship with his mother, Olympias, is equally sketchy. Jolie's mysterious accent is as confusing as the decision to cast her as Farrell's mother—outside of the possibility that the casting of the two would make the historical suggestion that Alexander and his mother enjoyed a "very close" relationship a bit more palatable. Jolie's casting subtly implies the possibility of this incestuous relationship, but it's never clearly manifested in the film.

Where the movie falls flat emotionally, it picks up with explosive action. Two major battle scenes depict the gory violence that we've come to expect of director Oliver Stone. Vigorous camera movement serves to completely disorient viewers and successfully conveys the chaotic atmosphere of the battles.

But along with the violence, Alexander boasts ample scenes filled with beauty and colour. Visually stimulating costumes, dance, and celebrations help illustrate the lands and people that Alexander and his armies encounter during their venture from Macedonia to India.

Despite the disconcerting acting and casting issues, Alexander offers an immense 178 minutes of blockbuster entertainment. But nevertheless, it fails to live up to the greatness of its namesake.



# James Zabiela's revenge of the 'technology nerd'

## James Zabiela

Bar None  
Thursday, 2 December at 9pm

JEREMY SHIRKAGE  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

In electronic music, the lines separating performer, musician and producer have never been particularly well-defined. And as digital technology developed for electronic artists becomes ever more sophisticated, these distinctions will

become increasingly blurred. To catch a glimpse of the future today, one need only experience a few moments of James Zabiela's trademark breaks-infused tech-house.

Since 2000, his breakout year, the 25-year-old native of Southampton, England, has thrust himself into the vanguard of the digital revolution occurring behind the decks.

A self-proclaimed "technology nerd," Zabiela says that while it's difficult to predict years ahead, it's clear that the threat of audience fatigue in an inundated market is necessitating innovation

right now.

"I think perhaps these days, people want something a bit more than someone who plays one record into the next, especially with the saturation of DJs," Zabiela explains.

"There's DJs everywhere: in bars, in clothes shops. There is always someone mixing one track into the next. And I think that's a great thing; it's an art, so it's nice to have it in all these various places. But because it's so widespread, I think other DJs will start to try new things, and that's a great thing."

"As technology progresses there will be more options as to what people can do, what equipment people can use," he adds.

To get an idea of the state of the art of DJing technology, consider what's arrayed in front of Zabiela on a typical night: two Pioneer CDJ1000 digital decks, a Pioneer DJM600 mixer, an Ableton Live sequencer and—just in case—a pair of Technics 1210 vinyl turntables. More recently, he has begun using a Pioneer DVJ-X1 CD/DVD player, which allows him to integrate simultaneously the audio and visual dimensions of his music.

In fact, Zabiela's adoption of digital equipment has been so successful—he was ranked 15th in the 2004 edition of *DJ Magazine's* Top 100 Poll—that he was recently invited to the Pioneer labs in Japan to advise the company's technology development team.

On the production side of the business, Zabiela insists that making tunes of his own has never been a priority; the gigs have always come first.

"I guess what I really wanted to do was try and achieve something just through my appearances in different clubs and places, without being a

producer," he says.

"Cause you know, you get a lot of producers who turn into DJs once they have a hit record, and you get a lot of DJs who try and produce, and it just doesn't really work. So I think that as far as producing goes, it's not something that I want to quickly rush into," he explains.

**"I guess what I really wanted to do was try and achieve something just through my appearances in different clubs and places, without being a producer."**

JAMES ZABIELA, DJ



This isn't to say audiences shouldn't expect to hear some original tracks in the near future. For Zabiela, writing house music fits very neatly with performing it live. He hopes to use the two processes synergistically—to blur the lines—for the greater good of the DJ cause. "I think specifically over the next six months I'll be trying out loads of things at my gigs," he says.

"It must be difficult for the non-DJ/producers that make tracks to guess how they're going to go in a club, whereas I can—like I did the other day—I made a track, played it, and thought, 'Okay, yeah, it sounded good. But this needs to be changed and that needs to be changed. And people didn't really react to this so I can take that bit out.' I'll use my DJing to help my producing, and use my producing to aid my DJing."

## Edmonton Inspires celebrates the U of A's 100-year relationship with the city

### Edmonton Inspires

FAB Gallery  
Showing until 18 December

JEREMY SHIRAGEE  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Although Alberta's capital city is not a typical "college town," a relationship has existed for nearly 100 years between Edmonton and the U of A. To explore and celebrate the fruitfulness of this bond, a new show is on display at the Fine Arts Building Gallery.

Curated by the 17 undergraduate and masters students in Art History 430/560, art show Edmonton Inspires was conceived as the continuation of an exhibition originally on display during October's centenary celebrations.

The initial presentation at the Stanley Milner Library consisted of facsimiles from the vaults of University of Alberta Museums.

It was the brainchild of Janine Andrews, executive director of Museums and Collections Services and instructor of Art History 430/560. Andrews says she had several objectives in trying to convert the small display at the Central Library to the full gallery show that it has become.

"We wanted the students to learn a little about the University of Alberta Museums and Collections history in conjunction with the Edmonton cen-

tennial," she explains.

"So they were divided into four groups: human history, art, biological science and earth sciences. And they were each given the task to come up with a story line that tried to tell the story of Edmonton's development related to the University's development through the University collections, and telling the story of creativity, research and enquiry and how the Edmonton stories have inspired researchers here at the University."

The four topics have been synthesized into the following categories: Pink Teas and Social Activism; Inspiration; Art Past and Present; The City and Natural Inspiration; and Edmonton Written in the Dirt.

Pink Teas and Social Activism, the first area one encounters when entering the gallery, presents a glimpse into the history of proto-feminism in Edmonton, from the suffrage movement to women's vastly expanded employment roles during the world wars.

According to Shannon Clark, one of the undergraduate curators, the section (named for the festive public gatherings of suffragettes in the early decades of the past century) began with a dress owned by a woman named Annie Second, and a watch purse that belonged to Dr OC Edwards.

She explains that the human history group had no idea of the social and



**LEARNING THROUGH SYMBIOSIS** People gaze at art on display as part of exhibition Edmonton Inspires.

political significance of the items (or their interconnectedness) when they were shown at the Central Library.

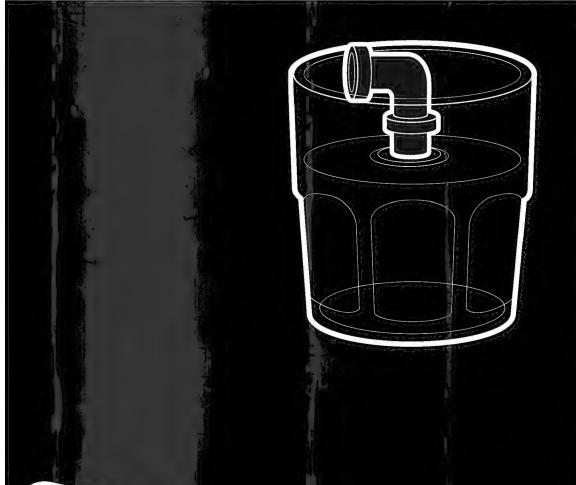
"There was nothing that said, when we [first] looked at these garments, that they belonged to people who were political," Clark says. "We looked at Annie Second and her story, what she did, how she had her teaching certificate, and she wrote in her

diaries about women going to vote, and about the teas she would host to discuss these serious issues."

"And then, because the watch purse belonged to the husband of Henrietta Edwards, [who] was a member of the Famous Five, we were able to tie that in through linking Annie Second to the Famous Five and through both their involvement with women's issues,"

Clark explains.

The show cleverly connects artifacts into a coherent statement. In tastefully combining fine art and textiles with archaeology, anthropology, and biological and earth sciences, Edmonton Inspires offers an enlightening introduction to the 96 years of give and take between the University and the city which it calls home.



**Elliott Smith**  
From a Basement on a Hill  
Anti Records  
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**DAVID BERRY**  
Opinion Editor

From a Basement on a Hill could never live up to expectations. As the last record from Elliott Smith, who committed suicide last year, it not only has to be a final farewell, it has to be the final farewell to one of the most

talented, sensitive and haunted musicians our generation had.

Expectations aside, this is a wonderful album.

Smith's sweetly melancholic songs are still as beautiful to listen to as ever, and a lot of the songs take on a bit of extra poignancy with the knowledge of his death—although with titles like "Fond Farewell," "Last Hour," and "Memory Lane," that's hardly surprising.

Still, there is no defining "goodbye" moment—a song or line that really manages to resonate as the last thing he'll ever do.

It's hardly a fair criticism, especially given that the album was unfinished, but still, you can't help but want some kind of fitting end, especially for an artist as lovestruck as Smith.

Overall, though, it's a fine piece of work, and like all good farewells, it leaves you wishing that he never left in the first place.



**Boy**  
Every Page You Turn  
Maple Music  
www.boytheband.com

**ERIN WEISGERBER**  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

There's no question that Canadian band Boy is a talented group of musicians. The eleven tracks on the band's second release, *Every Page You Turn*, are well-crafted, flawlessly performed songs.

*Every Page You Turn* boasts track upon layered track of guitar, multiple-part vocal harmonies, and a generous helping of organ all mixed to silky smooth perfection over a solid rhythmic core.

But, unfortunately, what *Every Page*

*You Turn* has in technical proficiency and polished production it lacks in inspiration and energy.

Although the hints of Oasis or later Beatles that can be heard on Boy's sophomore release have led some critics to describe the group as having a Brit-pop sound, the tunes on *Every Page You Turn* sound more like those of compatriot Sam Roberts than anything from the British Isles.

But, again, after repeated listening, the term "mediocre" seems to apply more appropriately than "Brit pop" when describing this Vancouver-based band.

The album opener, entitled "People Come On," is a ditty with a sing-along refrain of—"you guessed it—"people come on."

It could easily be the next party anthem of beer-drunk, "I am Canadian," T-shirt-wearing undergrads across the nation.

And the album continues in this predictable rock anthem vein until about the middle, where it takes an acoustic turn.

Unfortunately, these toned down shuffles are only slightly less forgettable than the aforementioned party songs.



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# The sophistication of Sylvester and Tweety

**Piano Concerto in G Major**  
by Ravel and The "Italian"  
Symphony by Mendelssohn

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra  
Conducted by JoAnn Falletta  
Featuring Robert Silverman on piano  
Winspear Centre  
26-27 November

SARAH CHAN  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Most people have their first experience with classical music as children via *Looney Tunes* and commercials for life insurance or toilet paper.

Though one rarely recalls the name of the piece or the composer, classical music is so canonized that when you hear just the first couple of notes of a piece in a cartoon or TV ad, you instantaneously know the rest of the melody.

The fare on hand at the Winspear last weekend was equally familiar. But it was also music that is lovely, elegant and very polished—all the things with which classical music is associated. Or, if you'd like to be more specific, all the things with which impressionistic (Ravel) and early romantic (Mendelssohn) music are associated.

The Concerto in G Major by Ravel as played by pianist Robert Silverman was charming, even playful, and full of elation at many points. The cleverly orchestrated blueyed elements had a tinge of the orientalism that swept the impressionist period.

The second movement was very much like a mirage, with steady patterns that flowed seamlessly as the gradual addition of instruments and thematic elements created a sense of sweet alienation—reminiscent of the sad/cute film, *Amélie*.

Pianist Silverman was previously a



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**SWEEPING ARMS, SWEEPING MELODY** Conductor JoAnn Falletta.

faculty member at the University of British Columbia who recently retired to devote his time to performing and recording. His rendition of the Ravel piece was succinct and precise but exercised just the right amount of flourish to make it flow appropriately.

The guest conductor, JoAnn Falletta, is the recipient of many awards and has been called "one of the best conductors of her generation" by *The New York Times*. The orchestra easily followed her lead despite her overly gestural conducting style.

Falletta's swooping arms didn't distract from the Mendelssohn, however, as this extremely popular work was delivered in fine form by the ESO. The

"Italian" Symphony was influenced and inspired by Mendelssohn's 18-month trip to Rome, Milan, Florence, Venice and Naples, where he took in the sun and scenes and eventually rendered four movements to reflect his happy time there. For those of us not lucky enough to experience the U of A's Corinto exchange, listening to this symphony live is as good a substitute for Italian travel as you're likely to find: it was energetic, vibrant, classy and stylish.

This weekend's concert was short, but very sweet indeed, with melodies one can sing along to in a slightly more sophisticated setting—minus Sylvester and Tweety.

## Exams, essays, and Eastern European dance

Shumka and The Kyiv Ballet team up for *The Nutcracker*, taking a few busy U of A students along for the one-of-a-kind holiday show

### *The Nutcracker: A Ballet Fantasy*

*The Kyiv Ballet* with guests from Shumka: Markian Bohniuk, Marco Eugenio, Tara Goucher, Mykola Gauk, Jayleen Gordey, Mumy Howell, Lukian Opyr and Andrea Yaremchuk. Citadel Theatre 30 November-19 December

SARAH CHAN  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

With Christmas holidays coming, most students are looking forward to fun and regular sleep, and are driving on—through final assignments and exams—until they're in the clear.

But the holiday homestretch is particularly momentous for eight U of A students who are Ukrainian Shumka Dancers featured in this season's production of *The Nutcracker*.

"I try not to think about it," says Jayleen Gordey, Shumka dancer and of a kinesiology student, of the end of term pressure.

"I manage to get all my assignments done on time and squeeze in those extra hours of study right before a midterm. It's only when I think about having five classes, two labs, and dancing five to six times a week that I get a little stressed out."

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JAYLEEN GORDEY,  
SHUMKA DANCER AND U OF A  
KINESIOLOGY STUDENT

Lukian Opyr, a civil engineering student, adds, "It helps when a lot of your friends dance with you."

Both Gordey and Opyr have been studying all term in order to keep up, and continue to do assignments while

they're on the road. They have just returned from a Florida trip performing another show, and will be heading back to the US to resume touring later in December. As a result, the Nutcracker production is sandwiched between traveling, touring and final exams.

Despite having danced since the age of five, both performers still feel the pressure on stage.

nothing happened."

Opyr shares Gordey's fear and divulges, "I fell on my ass once on an international tour to China. It was a full house, and I was performing a solo."

Clearly, both Gordey and Opyr take their performing very seriously: aiming to entertain and please audience members stands as a first priority. There should be no exception when they team up with the Kyiv ballet for *The Nutcracker*.

"Expect something that you will likely never see again in Edmonton," Gordey explains.

"It's very rare that a high-calibre Eastern European dance company comes to Edmonton, and even more rare that they will perform alongside a local dance company. The Kyiv ballet is comprised of people who dance for a living; their wage depends on how good they are, and I'm sure they'll live up to expectations."

"You should also expect to see high-energy and enthusiasm from Shumka. We all love to perform in our hometown, knowing that there are friends, family and people we know in the audience."

So before these students can enjoy their Christmas break, they're looking forward to a whole month of tours and performances, as well as studying for and writing exams. Although you can be glad you're not in their shoes, the chance to dance in a world-class production of a holiday classic should easily make up for it for Gordey and Opyr.

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## ASTRONOWATCH

Keeping an eye on the sky...

Ahhhhhhh! You know, nothing makes you feel better than shooting off a big ol' rocket. Other than shooting off two within half an hour. It's just so satisfying. Yeah, I was a busy girl this weekend. Ohhhh yeah. You know, I do believe this column was more hilarious when I was morbidly depressed. Now that I'm happy and doing fun shit like launching jury-rigged rockets, my columns just aren't as self-deprecatingly humourous. Oh well, I guess I'd rather be happy than dead.

Soooo, just realized how awesome Theremins are. I totally think that all songs should have a Theremin element. Kind of like the cow bell, only needier. Anyways, I'm babbling cause nothing really happened in regards to space news this week. But I guess I can tell you some cool stuff to look at, if you want ... you want it don't you? Yeah...

For the rest of this week you can see the planet Saturn at around 10pm. Just look in the eastern sky for the bright shiny star-like object.

And kids, don't do drugs.

No, silly. It's not astrology; it's astronomy. **AstroWatch** is a weekly feature published every Tuesday. Our sets the stage for the cosmos, and invites you up to the Campus Observatory every Thursday evening at 8pm. Just take the elevator in the Physics Building up to the sixth floor, and then the stairs up to the seventh floor. Walk out onto the roof and check out the view with the University's telescopes. To scope out Kati and Astro Watch on the web type the address: [theknowuniverse.blogspot.com](http://theknowuniverse.blogspot.com) into your web browser and surf on over. And remember keep you eye on the SKIES!

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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Devonshire Care Centre 1600 122 Street, Edmonton. We are currently looking for volunteers to help in our long-term care facility. Volunteer opportunities range from recreation, occupation and physical therapy, friend visitor, mealtime companion and gift shop. For more information please contact Susan at 665-8050 ext 3222.

### PERSONALS

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### LINES OF DAN'S DRIVEL

Damn, a lot of videogames are coming out this month and next.

Like most of you guys I can't wait to be done with school for this year. Unlike most of you suckers, I'll be done on December, though.

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## FREDDY &amp; GEORGY by Ryley Nickel



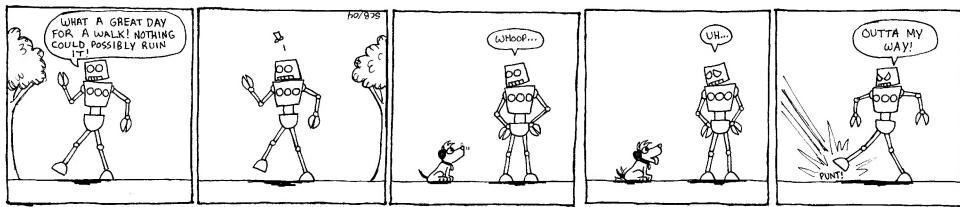
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